

# "TELEVISION FACTS"

## FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW IF YOU ARE BUYING OR OWN A TELEVISION SET

By Phil Gibson

### It's A Fact—

It has been interesting to note the change of people's reaction to television during the last few months. A year ago most people looked upon television as sort of a miracle which they had to accept as a fact... but sort of still couldn't believe... they sort of expected it to quit or something almost any moment.

### It's A Fact—

... that is, everybody except the kids. They said, "Gee... ain't that wonderful!"... and proceeded to get as close to the screen as possible.

### It's A Fact—

This reminds me of the story about the farmer who went to the circus for the first time in his life. He bought a ticket at the box office and on the way into the big top he spied a giraffe among the animals tied along the midway. He stopped and stared. The show started and ended inside, the applause died, the crowd left... still the farmer stared at the giraffe. When at last the circus attendants pulled the beast away, the old man spit on the ground and in turning to go, was heard to exclaim, "Ah... they ain't no seh animal!"

### It's A Fact—

Well us folks have to believe our eyes and ears and know that there is such a thing as television... and it is here to stay and play a very important part in the lives of us all.

### It's A Fact—

... that once you've a good television set in your home... you have added untold hours of enjoyment to the home life... that from the young folks to grandma and grandpa... you have found it unnecessary to go elsewhere for entertainment. As a matter of fact, just try to drag 'em out of the house when their favorite program is on.

### It's A Fact—

... we are still following our long established policy of placing a television set in the home of anyone in this area for a free trial! There is no cost or obligation on your part... and frankly all you have to do is just to phone me over 1728... either through the TORRANCE or ZENITH exchange. It is as simple as that!

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## Sunhaven Asks For 'Time' in Realty Deal

With negotiations underway whereby the Sunhaven corporation expects to dispose of its holdings, of 1096 lots in the Hollywood Riviera tract, Palos Verdes Hills, now under foreclosure, attorneys for the company appeared with representatives of creditors before federal referee in bankruptcy David Head May 25, and asked that further hearings be postponed until June 6, with final hearings to be held June 16, if the pending sale falls through.

In the meantime the Federal Court continued its injunction against Tittle Insurance and Trust Company restraining that firm as trustee from proceeding with the trustees foreclosure sale scheduled originally for May 20.

The referee was informed that the entire trouble started when two stockholders of the corporation, Rudolph Mayer, reputed brother of Louis B. Mayer, the movie magnate, and Samuel Friedman could not agree, and the corporation therefore could not function as such. Each owns 50 per cent of the company's stock.

The Sunhaven corporation purchased the property in November 1946, for \$500,000. The owners were paid \$25,000 cash at the time of sale, and in March, 1947, an additional \$175,000 was paid.

In May, 1947, the corporation made two promissory notes, drawing four per cent interest for \$150,000 each, securing the notes with the property. These notes were due and payable March 14, 1948.

In July of 1947, \$50,000 was paid by the Sunhaven company on each note. When they became due, the corporation because of inability of the stockholders to function as a corporation, the holder of the notes, the Ocean View Properties, Inc. from whom the tract was originally purchased through its trustees, Tittle Insurance and Trust Company, undertook to foreclose the property under terms of the trust deed.

The Sunhaven properties corporation then filed a petition in bankruptcy in the Federal court here to halt all further action and to conserve the company's assets, it was explained to the referee.

The liabilities of the corporation were listed at \$203,174.88, with assets in the Palos Verdes Ocean View tract appraised at \$191,000.

Referee Head said he was not inclined to continue the restraining order unless he could be shown that the creditors would be paid off soon, and that only by holding off the forced sale, that the assets of the corporation would be conserved and saved for the creditors.

### ARRIVES FOR VISIT

Mrs. Teala Bellini, concert pianist and teacher of Twin Falls, Idaho, and formerly of this city, is a house guest of Miss Esther Maxwell, of 1404 Cota avenue.



SHOWPLACE... Torrancers will have their first opportunity to view the interior of the new Stadium Theater, located at the corner of Gramercy and Cravens avenues, at the grand opening this evening.—Photo by Bob Wilton.

## Local Dealers Launch Greatest All-out Auto Safety Campaign

"Check Your Car, Check Accidents!" Heralded by this slogan, the greatest all-out safety effort ever staged on the Pacific Coast got under way yesterday in the Torrance-Lomita area as the new car dealers of the nation, in conjunction with the "Operation Safety" program of the Safety Council, made the offer

of a complete free car safety check to every automobile that is brought to their places of business.

Headed by Chairman Paul Loranger, owner of Paul's Chevrolet, the local committee for the month-long safety drive is composed of John Ott, of Thatcher and Ott, Plymouth and Dodge Agency; Arthur Mullin, of Mullin's Oldsmobile Service; and George Peckham, of Schultz and Peckham, Ford Dealers.

Loranger assured the driving public that there is absolutely no charge for this safety check. Each month, some organization takes the responsibility for the promotion of "Operation Safety." The local new car dealers are joining with most of the major religious, business, and civic groups in the effort to reduce the number of accidental deaths.

At a recent luncheon meeting of safety minded civic leaders Loranger said: "Even the best drivers cannot avoid accidents if they are driving unsafe cars." Attending the meeting were Police Chief John Stroh, Paul Diamond, Jess Dean, Charles V. Jones, Russell Lund, Delbert Vaughn, Edwin B. Brown, Jack Baldwin and the aforementioned new car dealers.

"We believe that we can help save many lives by pointing out to the public the small mechanical defects which only too often cause major accidents. This all-out safety promotion is part of a program to reduce the tragic, unnecessary death toll now taking place on our highways. This program is largely credited with lowering the traffic death toll in Los Angeles from 505 to 409 to 289 in three years, the last year's record being the best in 25 years. This year's toll to date is 20 percent under that of last year. This campaign will point out to the public the minor mechanical defects in the cars which so often cause major accidents. It has been endorsed by the Police Department, California Highway Patrol, Sheriff's Office, and the National Safety Council.

## Man Hits Rear Of Truck on Torrance Blvd.

Ramming into the rear of a pick-up truck early yesterday morning brought minor injuries to John M. Fenwick of Redondo Beach.

According to Captain Frank J. Schumacher and Patrolman Mervyn Porter of the Torrance police department, Fenwick smashed into the rear of a light truck being driven by Joseph Jelinek, 4708 West 168th street, Lawndale.

Both vehicles were traveling west on Torrance boulevard near Maple avenue.

Fenwick was transported by Sullivan's Ambulance to the County Harbor General Hospital where he was treated for chest injuries.

### PROUD PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sleppy, he's the local golfer extraordinaire, have added another member to the family. It's a daughter, Virginia Ray, born at Las Cerritos Hospital, Long Beach.

## Television Set Goes to Winner's Invalid Daughter

Mrs. Mary Lewis, winner of a television set given away recently by the Torrance Area Youth Bands, said yesterday she was shipping the set to her daughter in Pittsburgh, Penn.

Her daughter, Leartha Leydig, now 25 years of age, has been a shut-in since birth.

## Two Girls Injured In Accidents

Two ten-year-old girls, one a cyclist and the other a pedestrian, were injured in auto accidents during the past week.

Injured are: Marjorie Davis, 22405 Ocean avenue, and Dorothy Shelton, 4860 West 137th Street.

Marjorie, is said by a witness, Verda Acosta, 4635 Sepulveda boulevard, to have turned into the side of an auto being driven by Capt. Frank W. Gillman of the Long Beach Army Air Base.

The accident happened May 31. Dorothy was injured when struck by a car said to have been driven by Maurice E. Fremont of Downey. Two witnesses, Shirley Justice, an employee of the local telephone office and Diana Shelton, the injured girl's sister, told Torrance police that the girl was struck while using the crosswalk at Cabrillo and Gramercy avenues last Monday at 4 p.m.

## Alondra Park Pool Bids to be Opened

Bids for the construction of an outdoor swimming pool in Alondra Park will be opened June 7, according to the County Board of Supervisors.

Completion of the job estimated to cost approximately \$24,000 is expected within 90 days.

Present plans call for the erection of a dam across the narrow portion of the kidney-shaped lake and the uniting of the bottom of the southerly swimming section.

When completed the pool will be the largest owned by the county.

## Soldier Held for Superior Court

Arraignment in Superior Court of Hubert Stanley Corder, 22, charged with robbing the Farmer's Exchange Market, 24112 Narbonne avenue, last May 13, has been set for June 16.

Preliminary hearing was held Tuesday in the court of Judge Saunders at Gardena. Bail is set at \$5000.

Corder, a soldier, was picked up at a Lomita tavern a week after market clerk Charles R. Landers was held up and forced to give \$25 to a young bandit.

## Now It's July 1 For Start of Western Avenue

Condemnation actions still is holding up the extension of Western avenue.

July 1 was given by the Los Angeles City Engineer's Office as an estimate of the date on which the \$750,000 project will start.

Cost estimates by the engineer's office must be completed before the job can be advertised for bids although a spokesman for the office said that they were "shooting for July 1." The thoroughfare is to be extended and widened between 182nd street and Pacific Coast highway, thus providing another through boulevard between Los Angeles Harbor and north Los Angeles.

Establishment of an entirely new roadbed is to be necessitated between 228th street and Lomita boulevard. No roadway exists there now.

## Panel of Speakers For Toastmasters Meet Announced

The next regular meeting of the Toastmasters will be held on Monday evening at Vurp's Cafe with James G. Caldwell acting as toastmaster of the evening.

Due to speak are Arthur Warren, James Warren, Henry Watkins, Jake Jacobson, Gerald Alter, and Dr. Don C. Moshos.

Last Monday's meeting, falling on Memorial day, was postponed.

## IT PAYS TO LIE--MAN FINDS DURING HOLD-UP

A lie—a little white one by W. H. Grotebold of Lomita foiled gun men from netting more than \$75 in an early morning hold up of the Caravan Cafe on Pacific Coast highway and Hawthorne boulevard Tuesday morning.

Grotebold, an employee of the cafe was approached by two men, one of them armed with a small caliber pistol, and was told to produce the days receipts.

He told the men the money had been taken home by the owner of the cafe, Dorothy Burg, of 23850 Ward street, Walteria.

Satisfied with this tale the gunmen jerked the phone from the wall and left with \$75 from the cash drawer.

Grotebold told Torrance Police Officers Captain Frank J. Schumacher and Patrolman Don Hamilton that he still had the day's receipts.

Grotebold gave his address as Number 26, Orchid Trailer Court, 20344 Pennsylvania avenue, Lomita.

## Queen

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Furniture, a blouse and hosiery from Mode O'Day, a Brownie Reflex Camera from A-1 Photo Shop, a cold-wave from Emma Roberts, and a set of trays. Della Cooper, who won fourth place in the race for the Queen title, filled her arms with \$75 worth of prizes including a Coronado Portable Electric Radio, from Western Auto Supply, a Cannon blanket from Almond's Department Store, an Argus Minima Camera from Ray's Appliance, a compact from Hobby Shop, and a play suit.

Fifth place winner Pat Clere won gifts totaling \$44. They consisted of bedroom chair from La Mode Furniture store, pair of lamps from Newberry's, blouse from Renee Sport Shop, and a necklace, bracelet and earring set from Adams Dressing Shop.

Sixth place Bunky Quaggin won \$33 in gifts including a dress and blouse from Ellwoods, an electric clock from Universal Furniture, and a shag rug from Baker's Furniture.

Joyce Frazen, was awarded \$26 worth of prizes. They were a dresser set from National Home Appliance, a jewelry chest, hosiery from La Salle Shop, and a purse from Karl's Shoe Store.

Jimmy Yeltema of the Torrance Flower Shop presented each of the contestants with a beautiful corsage.

Members of the Queen contest committee included Mrs. Merle Richardson, chairman, Mrs. J. Park Montague, Mrs. Carl Fortkum, Mrs. Y. Gerald Grubb, Mrs. Ben Rusk, Mrs. Earl Eckert, and Carlotta Dean.

Plans presented by Harold A. Barnett, Civil Engineer of Pasadena. It is estimated that this will entail an expenditure of about \$50,000 and is being approved at this time in order to comply with the provisions of the purchase agreement between the Board of Supervisors and the school district. The Board approved the calling for bids for the installation of steel fencing around the recreational area and in portions of the stadium.

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